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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

A RESOLUTION to amend the FY 2009 Operating Budget to increase grant funds from the Tennessee Department of Human Services in the amount of \$7,164,660.00 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. This item requires expenditure of state grant funds in the amount of \$7,164,660.00. Sponsored by Commissioner David Lillard.

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WHEREAS, Resolution #19, adopted July 26, 2004 by the Board of County Commissioners approved the contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee Department of Human Services has increased the allocation to the Shelby County Community Services Agency for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program by \$7,164,660.00; and

WHEREAS, matching funds of \$465,238.00 from outside sources such as individual contributions, municipal funds and any other non-federal source will be identified and documented as leverage to secure \$930,475.00 of this increase; and

WHEREAS, The budget period for this grant contract is July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, All costs of this program are reimbursable by the grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY TENNESSEE, That the FY 2009 Operating Budget for the Shelby County Community Services Agency Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is hereby amended and funds appropriated in the amount of \$7,164,660.00 as per Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Position Control Budget is hereby amended as per Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein to by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$930,475 of this increase will be matched by \$465,238.00 from outside sources such as individual contributions, municipal funds and any other non-federal source which will be identified and documented on a monthly basis by Shelby County Community Services Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to comply with the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Mayor and Director of Administration and Finance be and are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants to the extent of appropriations, made in this resolution, pursuant to the terms and conditions of said grant and to take proper credit in their accounting therefore.

SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY SHEET

### I. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

This resolution amends FY 2009 Operating Budget to increase grant funds from the Tennessee Department of Human Services in the amount of \$7,164,660.00 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. A portion of this increase – \$930,475.00 – will be matched by \$465,238.00 from outside sources such as individual contributions, municipal funds and any other non-federal source which will be identified and documented on a monthly basis by Shelby County Community Services Agency.

This program is fully grant funded and provides utility assistance with cooling, heating, and purchase of window air conditioners. The assistance ranges from \$500 and a maximum of \$600 to eligible households throughout the city and county. At present, LIHEAP services will be provided to a minimum of 18,163 households during the current fiscal year, a significant increase over the approximately 9,100 households served last fiscal year. The agency will continuously accept applications throughout the grant period. The LIHEAP program, also provides energy conservation education to customers through it's Outreach program. The administration recommends approval of this resolution.

### II. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDING

A. State Grant contract increased from \$4,504,480.00 to \$11,669,140.00, a increase of \$7,164,660.00.

B. All costs are indicated on Resolution Exhibits A and B which displays the current budget and the amended budget requests for personnel & operation and maintenance costs.

C. All costs of this program are reimbursable by the Grantor.

### III. CONTRACT ITEMS

The State of Tennessee Department of Human Services and Shelby County Government entered into a 5 yr grant contract beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. We are in the last year of this funding cycle. To date, we have received a total of \$34,973,821.00. This year's funding of \$11,669,140.00 is included in the total.

### IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEVANT TO APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM

(See Attached Sheet Next Page)

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
**Leveraging Program Component**

A leveraging program component will provide the opportunity for increasing the number of households receiving energy assistance by identifying non-federal resources to provide home energy benefits to low income households beyond what could be provided with federal LIHEAP resources.

The countable sources of leveraged resources and benefits could include:

- Non-federal, non-LIHEAP cash spent by local LIHEAP agencies for specific energy assistance needs of LIHEAP-eligible households.
- Dollars spent by another local community agency on specific energy assistance needs for LIHEAP-eligible households which has been coordinated through the local LIHEAP agency.
- Reductions in, or waivers of, utility costs for LIHEAP-eligible households that have been negotiated or coordinated by the local LIHEAP agency.

The federal LIHEAP dollars may be used to match local resources two for one. Reporting on the sources and amounts that have been leveraged must be included on the agency's monthly program form. The monthly program report form has been revised to include the submission of this information.

Agencies will request LIHEAP funds under the Leveraging program component through the established reimbursement process. Monthly reimbursement forms have been revised to include this new program component information.

Documentation on the sources and amounts of leveraged resources will be reviewed as a part of the agency's annual monitoring review.